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Tasten those safety belts as we step on it and speed through another rip-roaring issue of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS. Proving that you are the most pampered of all readers in the whole wide comic world, we zoom in on the free-wheeling spirit of a spooky stock car as it gives poor old Egon the ride of his life! Yes, the beastly banger takes possession of ECTO-1 in this week's Winston's Diary! Wicked, but that's just for starters! Next on the menu is a well-done offering for you to feast on, entitled Food Phantom! Plus, we also throw in an extra story for you to catch called Bounce Busters!

Cast your eyes over page fourteen and you'll discover the mighty mouldy, Plaster Cast Competition. We also take a trip into the unknown with a brand, spanking new adventure called **The Lost And The Lonely**, so go to it and find your way through another a-maze-ing issue.

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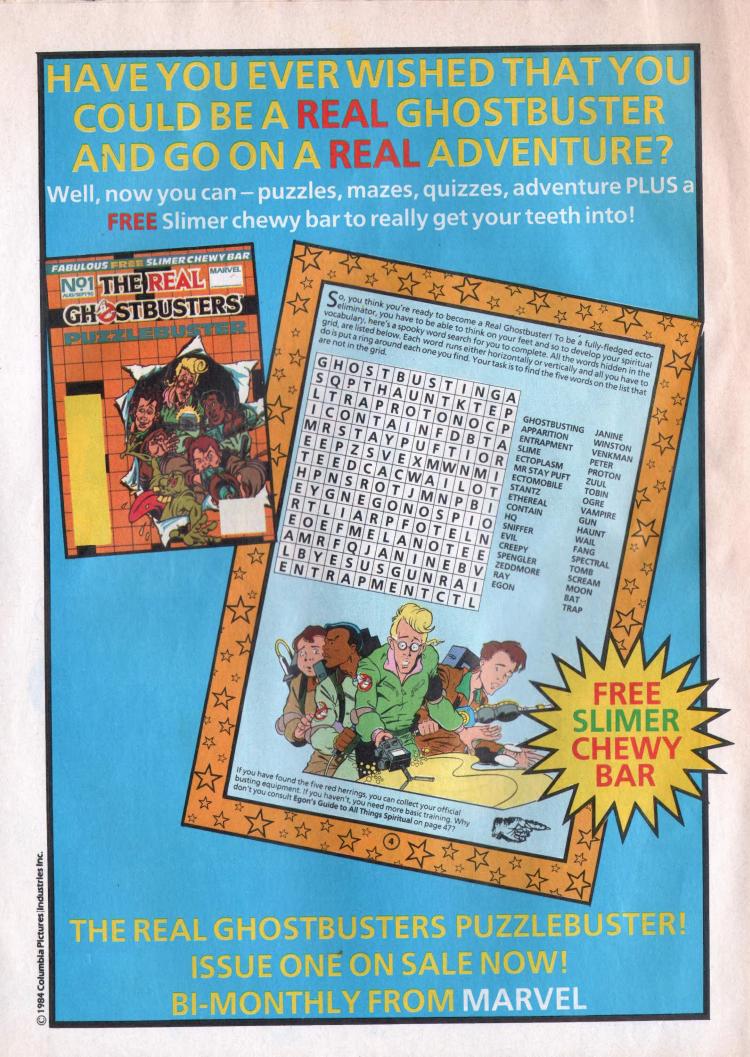












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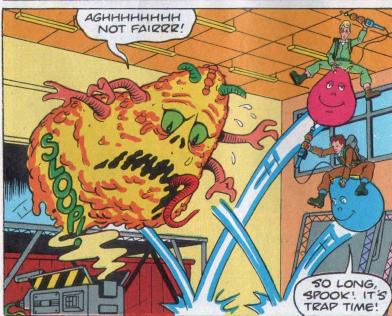














SPENGLERIS SPIRIT GUIDE

The earliest records I have of an Animatrix manifestation took place in Edinburgh in 1876, when John Burge Philips was in the middle of conducting his 'Square Peg/ Round Hole' ESP experiments. Using several individuals, noted for their powers of telepathy and telekinesis, Philips attempted to influence the actions of a chimp in a sealed cage, who was given a set of wooden pegs and a board with various shaped holes in them. Philips was determined to prove his theory that the animal mind could be guided by telepathic power.

The experimentation was limited in success, but one day, whilst Philips had popped out to get a pair of pliers to try and pull some of the squarer pegs out of the rounder holes, a set of unused tarot cards in the laboratory suddenly shuffled themselves. They formed themselves into a humanoid shape, flapped across the room and opened the chimp's cage. Theory seems to indicate that the force propelling the cards was some kind of gremlincolony, summoned by the anxious chimp, which possessed and controlled the pack of cards as a host body. Philips



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called the manifestation an 'Animatrix' and spent the rest of his life studying the Tarot cards in the hope of making them do it again. By his death in 1898, he could deal from the bottom of the pack, produce the card you just thought of from a previously burned envelope and build the Taj Mahal with them. But they never walked again.

Two years after his death, the Animatrix research was taken up by young Alice F. Klonsdark, working in a studio lab in Nebraska. In controlled conditions, she managed to animate a shelf of books, a pile of safety matches and nine pounds of sliced salami. Where Klonsdark failed, Wilbur Spate of Liddleyville met with greater success. He managed to summon an Animatrix which

possessed the contents of the tailor's store in Nash Street and proceeded to run amok in the town, measuring buildings and checking fabric designs against the brickwork. When Spate finally managed to banish the spook, fabric and pins and the plans for the biggest and most oddly-shaped pair of trousers in the world. In 1978. to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the event, the citizens of Liddleyville had the plans made up, and to this day, the city is the only one in the Midwest whose town-hall sports a worstedstyle flannelette, waisted tea cosy.

Most notable of all in the history of Animatrix manifestations, is the fact that they've never really given anybody real, dangerous trouble. Apart from the Animatrix that possessed a lorry load of tin-openers in Warsaw in 1972, or course, but since this happened next to the State dog-food factory, the creature was kept pretty busy until help could arrive. The Animatrix is, of course, closely related to the Inanimatrix, a powerful spirit which possess groups of objects and then lies absolutely still.



Saturday, 1st September 1990

Wow. I've just opened my diary and found that I've been so busy the last few days I haven't been writing things in it. I've got a lot to catch up on. Well, dear diary, I've had a lot going on – things have been driving me mad . . . well, one

thing in particular.

We got a call from some kids who hung out at the old Velocito Stock Car Alley in Detroit. Years back, it was one of the Motor City's most popular shows, where fantastic road-machines and custom automobiles pounded round the concrete track three times a week in a squeal of tyres, a smash of fenders and a roar of huge engines. I went there once when I was a kid whilst I was staying with a cousin in the city. Years later, he mentioned in a letter that the Velocito had been closed down after a series of nasty crashes. The races had got too big, and powerful and downright dangerous. I remembered it fondly and looked forward to going back there.

The kids told us that they went there most evenings after school to race their skateboards and BMX's round the old trackway. Sounded like kid heaven to me. But they said recently they heard noises and, worse, ghostly voices and the sudden reek of diesel fumes. Something from the past was still lurking in the

Velocito.

Egon and I drove down there one afternoon in ECTO-1, and met up with a group of skateboarding kids by the rusting fence. The years had crumbled the bright 'Velocito' sign over the gate and, what with the weed-choked track and the collapsing stands and sheds, it looked to me like the whole place had become a ghost of its old self.

The kids had no money to pay our fees, but that was fine — Ghostbusters are a free public service too, when we have to be, and if something old and bad was haunting the Velocito, I reckoned it was my duty to clean it up for free. Something old and bad was right.

It came at us as we drove along the old



track, a howling, steaming, rusty monster that seemed to be made up of ancient car parts. Rubberless wheel hubs scraped sparks from the ground, clusters of headlamps blazed, broken iron radiator grills snarled at us in automobile

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"I think we've found the ghost," noted Egon with his talent for stating the obvious, that often stunned me like a well-flung brick. He skidded ECTO-1 round to avoid the attack, and I leapt out, struggling with my pack. I ran to the other side of the track, hoping that when the car-beast turned round, it would storm down between me and Egon (who was still in the Cadillac), so that we could catch it in a two beam crossfire. It was clear it would take a lot of busting.

"It's clear that this will take a lot of busting," said Egon over the radio link, "let's try and catch it in a two beam

crossfire."

"I was just going to get some hot dogs from the stand" I snapped back dryly. "Well, there isn't really time," replied Egon. "Anyway, I think the stand has been closed for a number of years." Yes, his appreciation for sarcasm is about as weak as his ability not to state the obvious. We blasted it anyway, from two sides as it roared back. It seemed to me that the old, decrepit nature of the parts

that made up the vehicle were too slow to enable it to change direction suddenly. We got it all right. There was a huge fireball, and electric arcs of Ectopower crackled out, lashing into concrete and flickering off the bonnet of ECTO-1.

"We got it!" I shouted, gazing at the smouldering wreck. "Hey, Egon, I said we got it. Where are you going? Stop the

car. Hey!"

I thought for a moment that Egon had finally understood my sarcasm and was driving off in a huff. Then I saw that he was hammering his fists upon the inside of the doors and windows which would not open, and I saw that ECTO-1 had changed somehow. It had become demonic, furious, snarling, its radiator and headlamps bristling with unmistakable fury. Our wonderful jalopy had been possessed and was driving off of its own accord with Egon trapped inside. None of which was in the least bit funny. By the time Egon got his radio to work (I quess its circuitry was separate from ECTO-1 and therefore hadn't been possessed too), I'd borrowed a BMX from one of the kids and was bouncing down the track after him. ECTO-1 had disappeared from sight into the ruins, but Egon's voice was clear over the speaker. "Winston!" he bellowed. "This is what Peter calls Bad Craziness and I'm not very happy about it!" I mumbled a reply, but was a bit busy trying to remember how to ride a bike that was three sizes too small for me. I'd fallen off about four times by then, I seem to remember. "What's the story?" I managed to ask as I leapt on the bike again.

"It's clearly a manifestation that Vondahuck called an 'Animatrix', a spirit embodiment of past events that ended in violence that combines to reanimate the relics of that event. The spirit's power was limited by the old scrap parts we blasted, but ECTO-1 has given it a new,

powerful lease of life."

"What's it going to do then?" I asked, pedalling furiously towards the old sheds

that were the source of his transmission. "If it's the spirit of a stock car, then I'm rather afraid it will try and crash into things," he replied. About then, I fell off for the fifth time, and that saved my life. The Animatrix-possessed ECTO-1 flew out of the shed right over the fallen bike I had just been riding. As it skidded in a turn, I leapt to my feet and tried to run, but the haunted car was gaining on me easily. I was saved by the most unlikely chance. The jolt of my sprinting shook my Ghost Trap free from my pack and it fell behind me. A second later, ECTO-1 drove over it, and broke it open. There was a great rush of light and energy and then ECTO-1 ground to a halt. Slightly singed, Egon got out of the car and helped me to my feet. "Did we bust it?" I asked.

"I'm not sure," Egon replied. "The flare of the trap energy certainly dislodged its presence from ECTO-1 and probably weakened it a good deal. It may now be hunting for another vehicle to possess." Just then the kids came running up excitedly. "Did you do it?" asked one. "Where's my bike?" asked another.

So take it from me. If you find a BMX in your garage that you didn't own before, and it isn't your birthday and the bike looks like it's been run over at least once . . . it ain't no BMX, it's an Animatrix, and you know exactly who to call!



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Unfortunately, this involved a barrage of beastly bubbles lathering up the insides of cars. This, of course, is bound to happen if all windows have been wound down. The blurting out of radios and cassette players usually

added further to each poor old driver's problem.

As fate would have it,
Winston happened to wheel
his way into the Thruway Car
Wash, accompanied, of
course, by ECTO-1, which was
in dire need of a good scrub!
Sure enough the demonic
attendants hi-jacked the
mucky motor and set to work.
The Real Ghostbuster was not
impressed!

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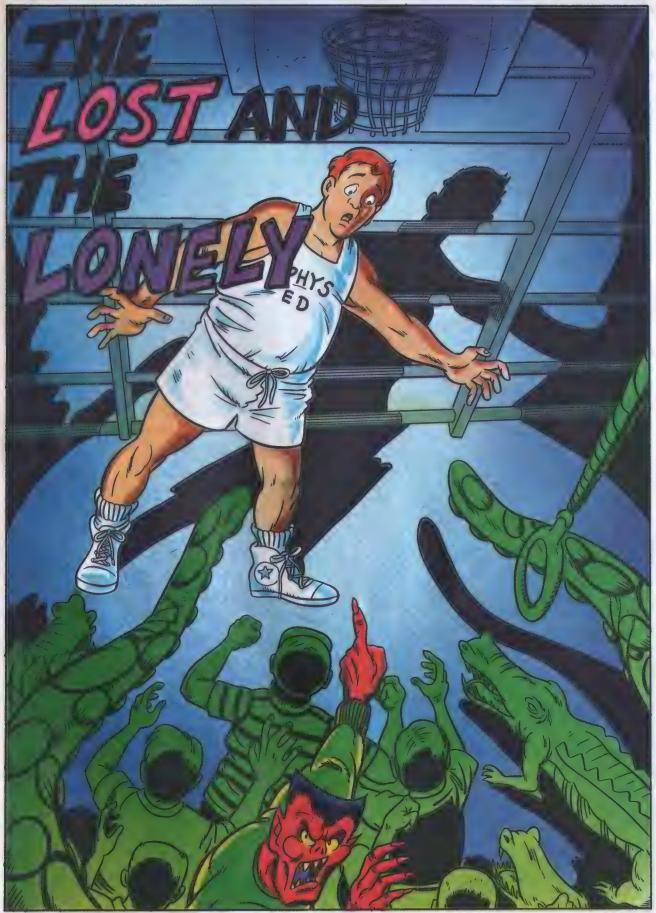






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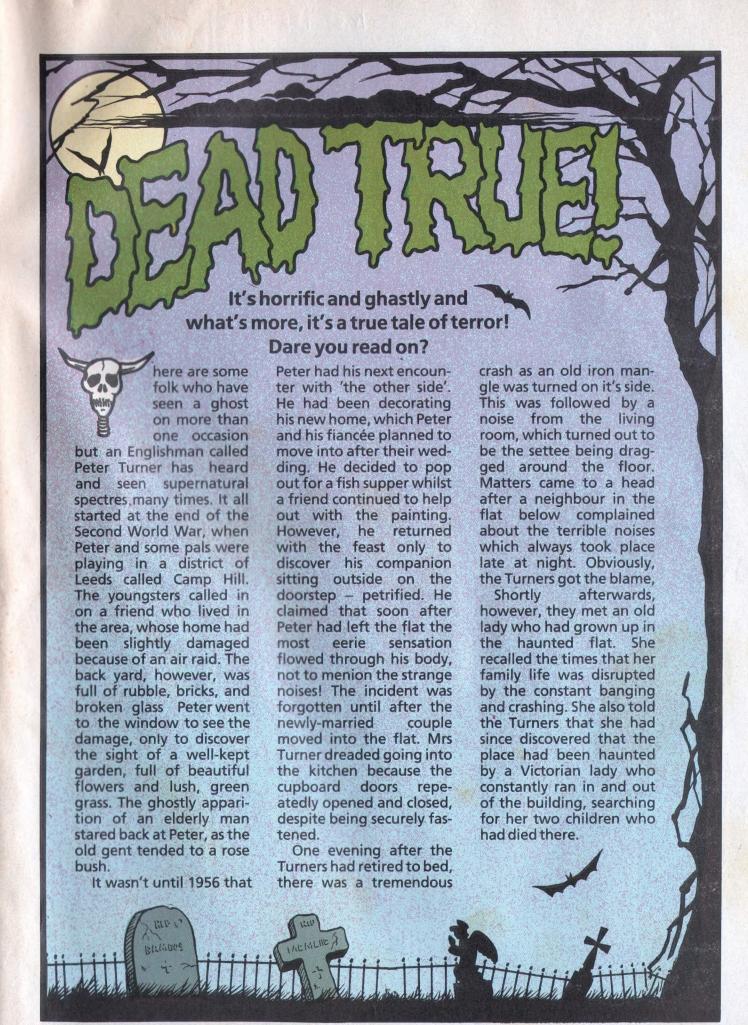
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